

BAYVILLE TIME LINE

- 1658 With permission of the Crown of England, Oyster Bay settler Daniel Whitehead purchased the land from the Matinecock Indian tribe.
- 1674 Land divided into lots among 23 men - Oak Neck and Pine Island
- 1754 Main road surveyed and completed - named Main Street – now Bayville Avenue
- 1825 Asparagus raising began
- 1851 First school constructed on Merritt Lane
- 1859 Village named Bayville - was Oak Neck and Pine Island
- 1859 Methodist Church constructed - located just west of school
- 1877 Nicholas Godfrey was appointed postmaster
- 1887 Firm of Frank M. Flowers and Sons oyster business founded
- 1895 Second school constructed on School Street
- 1898 First drawbridge from Bayville to Mill Neck completed
- 1903 First public library constructed
- 1904 Second drawbridge constructed
- 1906 Electric power lines brought to Bayville
- 1906 Water taxi operated between Bayville and Oyster Bay
- 1908 Library established on Library Lane - known as Klondike Avenue
- 1909 St. Gertrude's Catholic Church constructed - enlarged in 1939
- 1913 Casino constructed at Oak Neck Beach
- 1919 Bayville became an Incorporated Village - Winslow S. Pierce 1st Mayor
- 1919 First village meetings held in homes
- 1920 Village meetings held in second school on School House Road - School Street
- 1921 Village police department established
- 1922 Third drawbridge constructed
- 1923 Bayville Fire Company established
- 1923 First fire house constructed and equipment purchased
- 1929 Village Hall installed in converted store - corner of Perry Avenue
- 1929 New fire house constructed
- 1931 Third school constructed on Mountain Avenue
- 1937 Ferry from Bayville to Stamford made last trip – ran from 1920 to 1937
- 1938 Fourth drawbridge constructed
- 1950 Large building complex and 27 acres presented to village by Harrison Williams
- 1951 Village Hall and all Village Departments moved to new complex on School Street
- 1957 Addition to school on Mountain Avenue - five classrooms
- 1957 American Legion building constructed

- 1959 St. Gertrude's Church became independent parish
- 1959 New Methodist Church constructed on Mountain Avenue - The Bayville Village Church
- 1960 Taxpayers Independent Party is formed
- 1961 Primary School constructed on Godfrey Avenue – twenty-two classrooms
- 1961 Home delivery instituted by Post Office
- 1961 Oyster Bay Hospital opens in Bayville on the former Clarkson Estate
- 1962 Village Police Department disbanded – services from Nassau County Police
- 1962 TIP is elected as majority party
- 1965 Locust Valley High School opens - now Central School District #3
- 1965 Bayville has water system - first well on School Street
- 1967 Hospital in Bayville closed
- 1969 Bayville Golden Jubilee Celebration - fifty years since incorporation
- 1970 Third water well on Godfrey Avenue
- 1972 Children's Library addition to Bayville Free Library
- 1972 Bayville Historical Museum opened
- 1973 50th Anniversary of the Bayville Fire Department
- 1974 Indian campsite discovered in Bayville - skeleton remains dating to 1555
- 1976 125th Anniversary of the Bayville School
- 1978 100th Anniversary of the Bayville Post Office
- 1978 St. Gertrude's Parish Center on School Street dedicated
- 1981 Bayville Historical Museum dedicated
- 1981 50th Anniversary of the Elementary School on Mountain Avenue
- 1984 Community Center established
- 1985 New Pumping Station
- 1986 Bayville Soundside Beach purchased and dedicated - formerly "Pump's Park"
- 1987 Dedication of the Harrison Williams Woods
- 1987 100th Anniversary of Frank M. Flower and Sons - Bayville's only industry
- 1988 90 years since the first Bayville Bridge was built
- 1989 Firehouse remodeled
- 1989 New addition to the Methodist Church building
- 1989 St. Gertrude's Church restored and interior refurnished – a Carillon added
- 1991 Bayville Bridge completely reconstructed
- 1991 140th Anniversary of the Bayville School
- 1992 20th Anniversary of the Bayville Historical Museum
- 1992 Storm and flooding in Bayville - extensive damage to dwellings on shore lines
- 1994 75th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Village of Bayville

1995 Filming of Sabrina with Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond and Greg Kinnear
 1997 The 25th Anniversary of the Bayville Historical Museum
 1998 2/2/98 The Village purchased the Angelo Pegno Property (Corner of Bayville and Ludlam Avenues.)
 1998 2/4/98 The Village purchased the Schmitt property (16 acres)
 1998 75th Anniversary of the Bayville Fire Co.
 1999 The Bayville Commons (corner of Bayville and Ludlam Aves.) is dedicated
 1999 plans for celebration of the year 2000 in Bayville
 2000 New Millennium Celebration
 1999 Start of the 1st Avenue drainage system
 2000 Cooking Light magazine showcases the Village of Bayville
 2001 Drainage system installed throughout Bayville Park Blvd. area
 2002 Second phase of 1st Avenue system completed
 2003 Joint Village and Nassau County project of raising elevation of Bayville Avenue by Stands area completed as well as constructing planting medians
 2003/2005 Village Water system and pump houses upgraded
 2004 Mill Neck Creek is dredged
 2005 Bayville Adventure Park initiated
 2005 Trails established and forest remediation undertaken in Harrison Williams Woods
 2005 Informational kiosk established at Woods
 2006 Bayville Adventure Park opens
 2006 Bayville Cemetery turned over to the Village of Bayville.
 2006 Green Market started
 2006 Placed all Village owned property (except Water Dept prop.) in parklands
 2007 Antique street lights installed
 2008 Antique street signs are installed
 2008 The Green Market opens at the Commons
 2009 Zoning code revision committee is formed
 2009 First National Bank of Long Island opens a branch on Bayville Avenue
 2009 Village joins Oyster Bay Protection Committee
 2009 90th Anniversary Celebration of Village
 2009 Village Board adopts architectural design for the downtown business district
 2009 Time capsule is buried
 2009 Images of America, Bayville is published
 2009 The prohibition of bonfires on the beach is passed
 2009 Village Board approves design for downtown business center
 2010 New Village zoning codes adopted
 2010 Mayor Victoria Siegel retires after 24 years
 2010 Bayville Bridge is renamed Victoria Siegel Bridge

2010 Doug Watson is elected Mayor

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